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1. DURING CALL AT FONOFF LATE MORNING DECEMBER 20 TO EXCHANGE NOTES ON SETTLEMENT OF WWI FLOUR DEBT (REFTEL B), BARTHA PRESENTED ME WITH DOCUMENT PROMISED LAST WEEK (REFTEL A) CONTAINING HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS RE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT IN HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

2. IN HANDING OVER HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS BARTHA IN LOW KEY MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME TWO POINTS (REFTEL A) THAT HE AND NAGY HAD MADE DURING ZIMMERMAN'S CALLS AT FONOFF LAST WEEK, NAMELY, THAT (A) GOH'S RELATIONS WITH U.S. ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE WITH ANY OTHER NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THUS GOH PROPOSALS WERE BROADER-GAUGED AND MORE EXTENSIVE; AND (B) DOCUMENT WAS HANDED OVER IN FRAMEWORK OF HUNGARY'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH U.S., WOULD GO NOWHERE ELSE AND, FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST, WAS NOT BEING SENT TO HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

3. BARTHA ALSO OBSERVED THAT GOH HAS ADVANCED SOME NEW
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PROPOSALS IN DOCUMENT HE HAD HANDED OVER AND GOH HOPED U.S. WOULD DO SAME. FINAL PARA, HE SAID, CONTAINS PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF HUNGARIAN PROPOSITIONS AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH MAY YET BE MADE BY U.S. AND HUNGARIAN SIDES AS BEGINNING OF BILATERAL DIALOGUE

IN PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE MEETING IN MID-1977.

4. WE ARE POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT COPIES OF BOTH ENGLISH AND HUNGARIAN TEXTS AND WILL FOLLOW WITH DETAILED ANALYSIS AS SOON AS WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ABSORB CONTENTS AND TO PUT THEM INTO PROPER CONTEXT.

5. IN LIGHT OF NAGY'S COMMENTS ON NATO DISTRIBUTION OF "BILATERAL DOCUMENTS" CONTAINED IN REFTEL A, DEPT MAY WISH TO HOLD HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS CLOSELY UNTIL WE CAN DETERMINE WHETHER HIS COMMENTS HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE AS FAR AS HUNGARY'S CSCE PROPOSALS ARE CONCERNED.

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